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Managing Water in the West

Managing Partners

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Qualifications - Public Law 89-72

- Managing recreation facilities
- Local government
- Ability to manage recreation consistent with current uses
- Financial backing
- Ability to charge and collect fees commensurate with the facilities provided
- Ability to provide insurance/investment in infrastructure

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Management Agreement

- Defines each agency's roles and responsibilities
- Allows partner to exercise a certain level of control over recreation facilities
- Both agencies sign agreement
- Consistent with Reclamation laws, regulations, rules, and policies

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Responsibilities

- Day-to-day management
- Planning, development, and construction of facilities outlined in the agreement
- Public safety
- Law enforcement

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Financial Arrangement

- Outlined in the management agreement
- Managing partner typically agrees to pay all of the cost of operation, maintenance and replacement of recreation facilities
- Reclamation is authorized to cost share on a 50/50 basis for the planning, development, and construction of public use facilities and for operation and maintenance deficit (O&M costs vs. fees collected)
- Federal funding is subject to appropriations availability

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Benefits to Reclamation

- Relieves Reclamation of day-to-day management of recreation resources
- Reclamation has limited authority for construction of recreation facilities. Inclusion of a Managing Partner brings new recreation facilities into play that otherwise would not be available to the public
- Ability of partners to use their law enforcement authority in the recreation area

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Benefits to Managing Partners

- Under the terms of the agreement the Partner is allowed to manage public use facilities to meet the needs of the population they serve
- Allows the Partner to proceed with development of needed public use facilities with minimal costs (land is already purchased, stability of a Federal agency as landlord, cost sharing authority of Federal Agency)

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Questions and Answers



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